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Rep. Callahan's Assembly Bill 238 Awaiting Vote in State Assembly

Legislation would provide additional road improvement aid to local governments

[Madison, WI] – Yesterday morning, legislation authored by Representative Calvin Callahan (R-Tomahawk) was recommended for passage by the Assembly Committee on Transportation. This legislation, <u>Assembly Bill (AB) 238</u>, directs \$308,519,800 in federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 be used to provide supplementary grants to local governments for local road and bridge projects.

"I've heard from constituents about the need for additional local road improvement assistance, just like many of my legislative colleagues have, Republican and Democrat alike," stated Rep. Callahan. "This legislation allows the state to prioritize this need and provide the assistance across the entire state, helping those local governments achieve the projects that have been put off for years due to inadequate funding."

Under AB 238, over the course of the next two years, every county in the state would receive \$2 million and every city, town, and village would receive \$2,000 per mile of road. Funds would be used on qualifying local road and bridge improvement projects; not for purchasing vehicles, plowing snow, or constructing buildings.

"This will be a huge help to folks in my district," continued Rep. Callahan. "I'm looking forward to AB 238 receiving continued support once it comes before the State Assembly for a vote."

AB 238 is currently awaiting a vote in the State Assembly. The Senate version of AB 238, Senate Bill 274, was given a public hearing yesterday in front of the Joint Committee on Finance.

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The 35th Assembly District includes all of Lincoln County and portions of Langlade, Marathon, Oneida, and Shawano Counties.